

REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

The following is the examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

Independent claims 23, 37, 46, 55, 65, 73, 81 and 89 among other things teach a method, system, program product, apparatus that receive incoming requests at a channel driver, that communicates with the communications channel using one of a plurality of media types. The request forms a message with customer relations management system information into said message and is encoded into a standard format, conforming to a data format specification that defines a plurality of interactions between said communication server and said channel driver, independent of said media type of said communication channel to be communicated to a communications server. The communications server routes said incoming customer support request to an agent by routing said customer relations management information to a browser coupled to said agent as a work item. The agent comprises information regarding a skill set of an agent and the work item information is the task to be performed by the agent within a computer network environment. Throughout interviews and explanations, applicant's representative often pointed to Fig. 1E in which the architecture of the system is displayed. It virtue of the combination of features that put the case in condition for allowance.

The prior art does not teach the cited limitation.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

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